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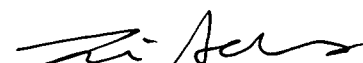
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 19, 2007.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.